

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable consideration of the above-referenced application and of the foregoing amendments.

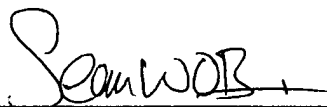
Claims 61-72 are pending and newly presented, with claim 61 being independent. Claims 13-60 have been canceled without prejudice.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.607(c)

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.607(c), the Examiner is respectfully advised that newly added claims 61-72 have been copied exactly or in modified form from claims 1-4 and 6-13 of U.S. Patent No. 5,883,732 to Kyu Takada, et al. (Takada '732), issued on March 16, 1999, and assigned on its face to Seiko Epson Corporation. Applicant has copied the claims from Takada '732 for the purpose of provoking an interference with that patent. Support for the copied claims and the identification of a proposed count for the interference will be submitted in a separate Request for Interference which will be filed in due course. In the meantime, if the Examiner reaches this case for action prior to the receipt of the Request for Interference, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned before acting on the subject application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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